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## **India**

### **Agricultural Situation**

### **Monsoon Progress Report No. 4**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**The monsoon continues to be satisfactory, having a positive effect on India's kharif crop production prospects.**

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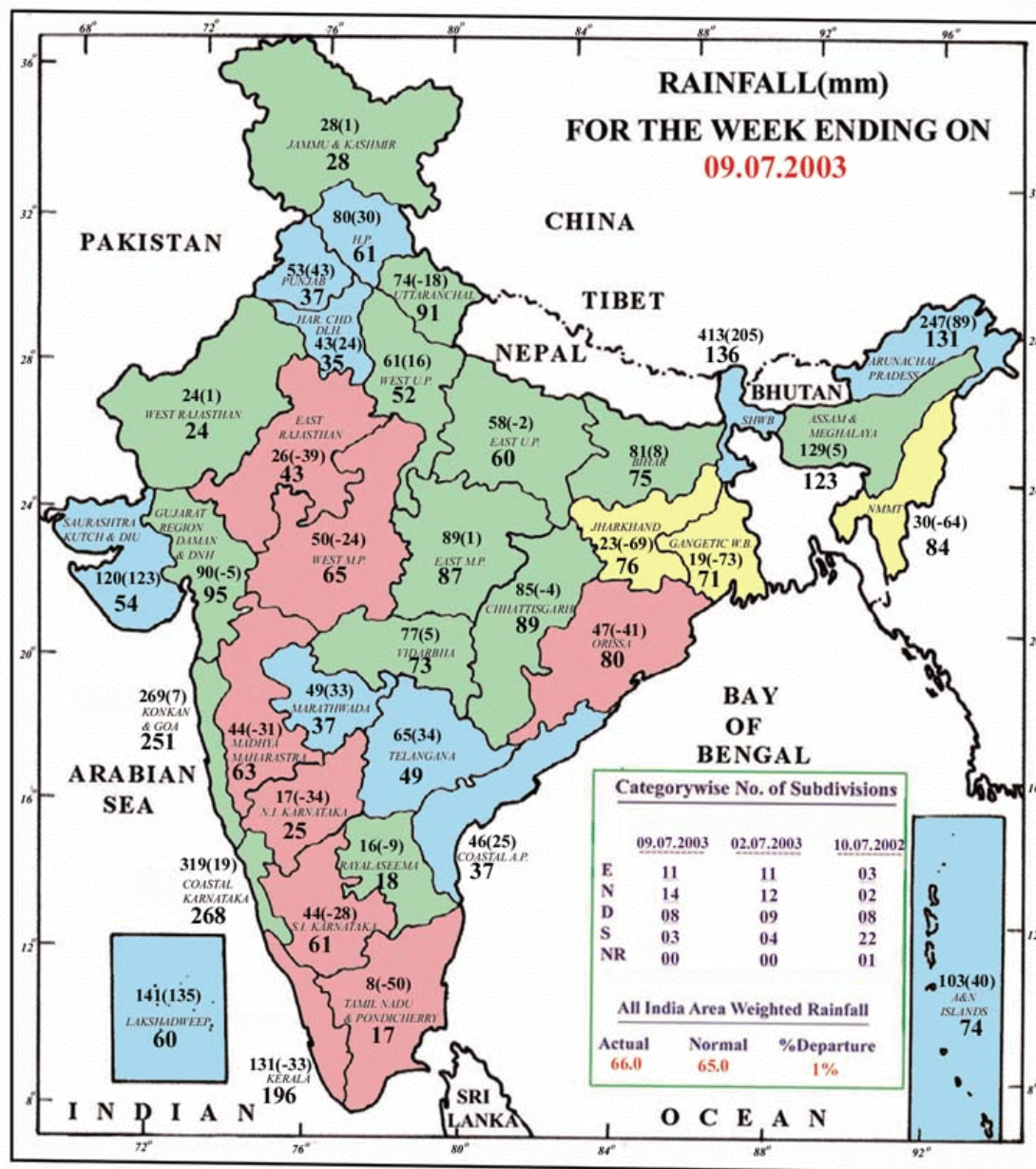
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Rainfall continued to remain satisfactory during the week ending July 9, with 25 of the 36 weather subdivisions receiving normal or above normal precipitation, compared to 23 in the previous week and 5 in the corresponding week of last year (Map 1). Regions that received significantly below normal rains were Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Nagaland and Mizoram, which had received excellent rains in previous weeks. Rains were below normal for the second consecutive week in north and south Interior Karnataka, east Rajasthan, and Kerala. Inadequate rains in Karnataka are causing some concern regarding the production outlook for the peanut and corn crops largely grown in this region.

Cumulative rainfall from June 1 to July 9 was normal or above normal in 32 of the 36 weather subdivisions, compared with 16 a year ago (Map 2). The area-weighted precipitation at 261 mm was 5 percent above the long-term average.

Improved monsoon rains have bolstered India's *kharif* (fall and early winter harvested) crop production prospects, which include mostly rice, coarse cereals (sorghum, corn, and millet), pulses, and oilseeds (peanut and soybeans). Despite excellent rains, the country's ten major irrigation reservoirs are still dry, although the water level in 71 reservoirs rose marginally.

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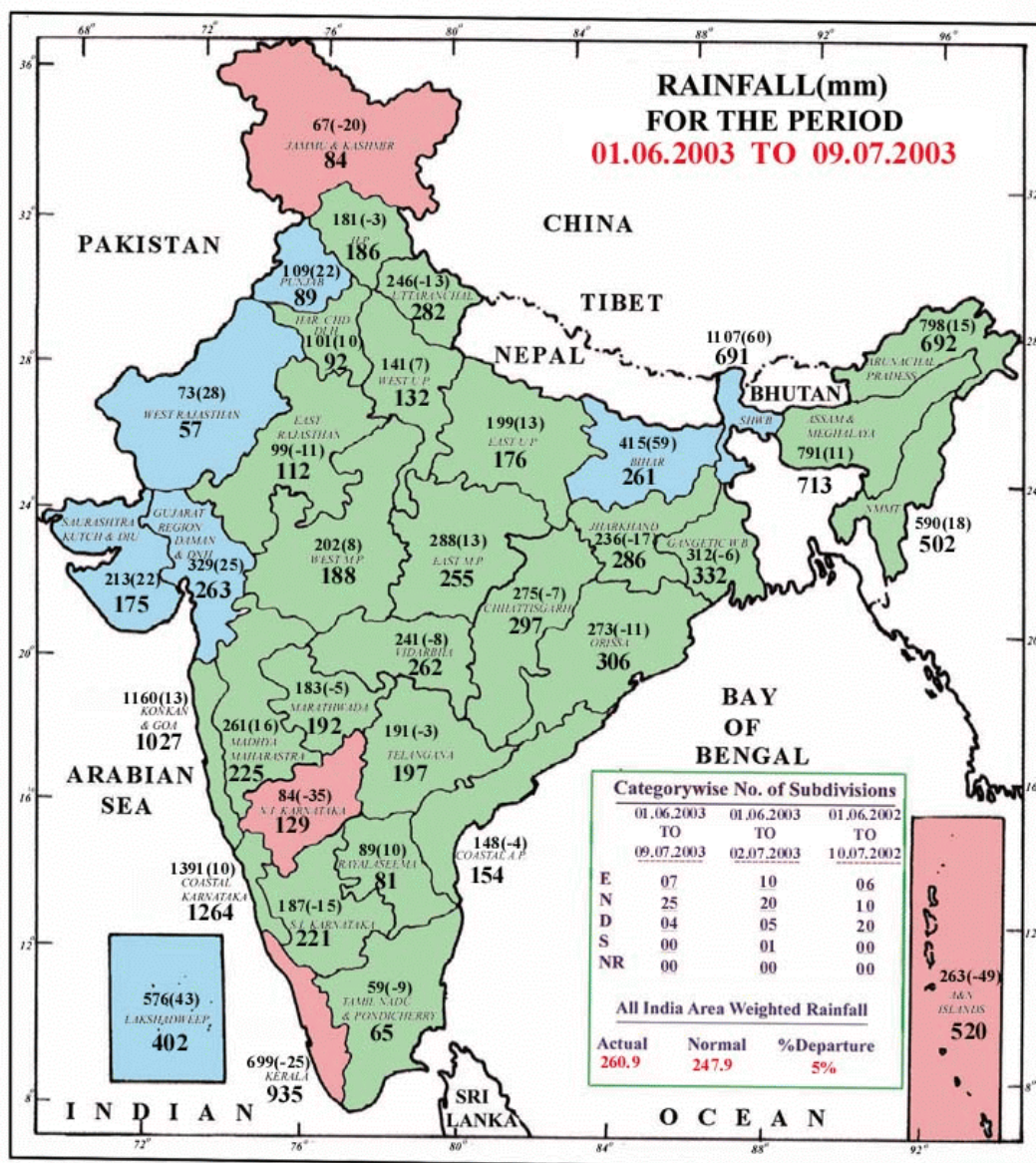
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